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STATINTL

MEMORANDUM FOR: 25X1A

SUBJECT: Quection by Harry Schwartz of the NEW YORK TIMES regarding THE PENEDVSKIY PAPERS

1. The following reply should be given to Mr. Schwertz in answer to his letter of 4 October to Mr. Cline asking about the authenticity of the documents in THE PERSONSKIY PAPERS, for his projected review of the book:

"CIA was shown a prepublication manuscript of THE FRANCOUNTY PAPERS by their editor, Frank Gibney, who has the story of their origin and acquisition. It was determined that the PAPERS do not contain any information which might result in the compromise of Mational Security information available to this Agency. We did not, however, comment on the content of the manuscript. On the face of it, the material would appear to be authentic."

- 2. If Mr. Schwartz should later ask if CIA sponsored publication of this book, the only answer must be a flat denial.
- 3. This reply has been discussed with the Deputy Director and has his approval.

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